Form A: Course Evaluation - Student Comments

Faculty	: Engineering	Session	: 2013 Teaching Period - T2
School	: School of Computer Science	Enrolled	: 19
Course	: COMP9242-Advanced Operating Systems	Repondents	: 6
Survey Description	: Evaluate the Course COMP9242	Survey Type	: ONLINE (17 Oct 2013 - 07 Nov 2013)
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The best features of this course were

- Painful, no punches pulled approach to the content. Real engineering, no hand waving or washy excuses. Real world examples, careful consideration of tricky issues. Relevant and up to date content. Good practical project.

- IT WAS HARD. IT WAS INTERESTING. IT WAS CHALLENGING. WE GOT TO MAKE OS.

- The lectures focused on a variety of things going into them to a significant depth. Guest lecturers were great. I liked how the first few lectures focused on topics relevant to the project, and others were more removed and completely different. It certainly has piqued my interest in doing things with NICTA/OS.

  The project was great, quite liked the structure of that. It was very manageable and such an approach to projects should be ported to other courses. The milestones were logical and nicely ordered; writing an OS on real hardware has proven to be very fun/rewarding.

- The project. Lots of fun and hard work

- Great project
  Great tutors
  Lecturer/guest lecturers had some interesting topics

- Very challenging, very interesting.

This course could be improved by

- MORE CONSISTENT MARKING PLZ. Different tutors had different expectations! BIT HARSH SOMETIMES!

- Slightly better communication with regards to project marking would be nice -- the markers seemed to have orthogonal expectations about secondary features / requirements of the milestones (e.g. swap bounded by off_t or bounded by a fixed-size swaptable in code).

- More time at the end to do the project. Slightly better hints and more defined specs

- Getting more sleep.